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1. ship put into Klaipeda harbor (N55-42, E21-10) on the morning of 13 July 1952. There it took aboard a Soviet pilot near the Klaipeda approach buoy. Informant's ship was subsequently berthed in the Commercial Harbor. During the period 13 - 16 July 1952 it unloaded 400 tons of lead bars and 460 tons of crude rubber bales, which it had taken on at London.
2. There was little activity in Klaipeda harbor. The only other ship berthed was a small Swedish steamer which unloaded lead and rubber. Dilapidated warehouses with spur tracks were on the pier of the Commercial Harbor, which had about ten modern Diesel cranes on its pier.
3. A Soviet battery of eight railway guns was observed north of the harbor entrance. Each gun had its own railway car. All the guns were fitted with protective shields, and had an estimated caliber of 150 mm. Gun crews were standing by. A locomotive was attached to the train and had steam up. This railway battery was still there when informant's ship left port on 16 July.
4. A searchlight emplacement and an observation tower were observed on the spit of the Kurische Nehrung. A ferry made regular trips between the Commercial Harbor and the Kurische Nehrung. Most of its passengers were navy men. Two new barracks buildings were seen south of the landing point of the ferry on the Kurische Nehrung. They were three stories high and had flat roofs.
5. Eight Soviet naval vessels were seen off the Commercial Harbor in about the middle of the river. They were about 50 meters long, and had one funnel and one mast each. Their armament consisted of one gun with a protective shield on the foredeck, two guns with protective shields aft, two quadruple AA guns aft, and depth charge apparatus at the stern.

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Legend to Sketch of Klaipeda Harbor
(see page 3)

1. Jetties at the entrance to Klaipeda harbor
2. Small woods
3. Battery of eight railway guns
4. Railroad track for the battery
5. Searchlights on the point of the Kurische Nehrung
6. Watchtower
7. Naval ferry landing point
8. Naval ferry's course from the Commercial Harbor to the landing
9. Two new, three-storied, flat-roofed barracks
10. Eight vessels with tactical markings EQ followed by a three-digit number
11. Klaipeda Commercial Harbor
12. Warehouses
13. Berth of informant's ship during the period 13 - 16 July 1952
14. Partly reinforced pier at which a EQ-class vessel and two small patrol boats were observed
15. The Kurische Nehrung

1. Comment: This railroad battery was previously reported
 in March 1952. For approximate position of the battery, see p. 3.

2. Comment: These vessels are presumably KRONSTADT-class ships. The

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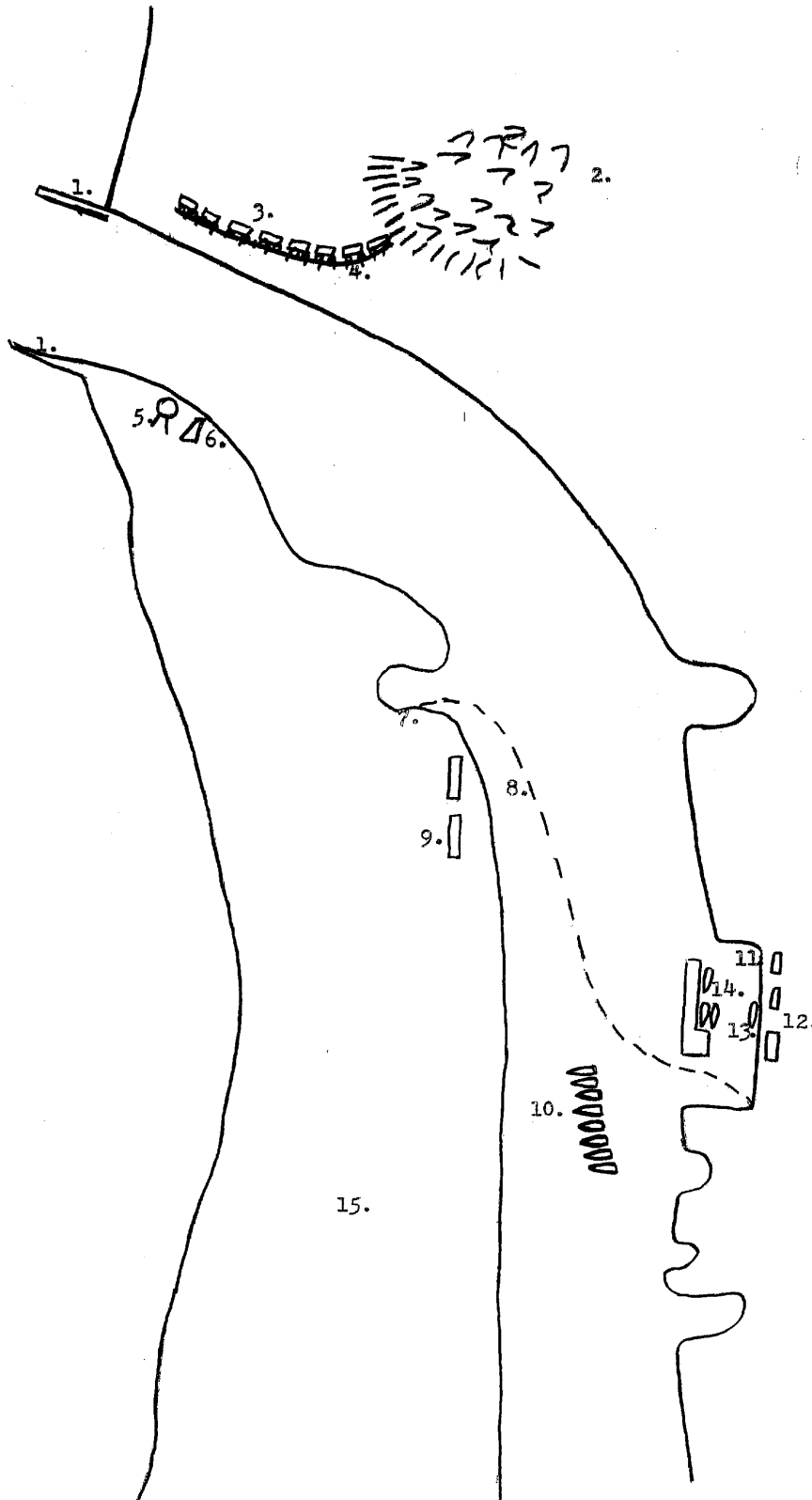
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Layout Sketch of Klaipeda Harbor.



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